

MAYORS MAG-ARP

MEETING MINUTES

10/25/18

Attendees:

Mayor Levesque

Maurice Keene

Holly Lasagna

Kathy Shaw

Peter Moore

Leroy Walker

Eric Cousens

Bill Sylvester

Alfredia Fournier

Chris Carson

Belinda Gerry

Karen Scammon

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Levesque.

Motion to accept meeting minutes from 10/11/2018. 2nd by Councilor Fournier, all in favor.

Eric Cousens/Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development discussed information requested by the group.

Land cover, usage codes, spreadsheet on population by zone

Ordinances that establish the conservation commission and planning board

Karen Scammon/City Assessor discussed how the homes are valued in the AG Zone VS other zones. Neighborhood codes help determine value, sales within Neighborhood determine value (newer subdivisions)

State reimburse city for property in special tax programs such as Farmland, Tree Growth.

For future meeting the group requested the following questions to be answered:

- What are we reimbursed from the state of Maine
- What is the benefit for Auburn
- How does it compare with farmers who are not taking advantage of special programs?
- \$ to \$ standpoint

What are some Pros VS Cons of eliminating the 10 Acre rule

Pros:

Ag Tourism
Open to more homes/farming
More reachable/Financially
Tax Revenue Increase
Economic Development
Increased population
Long term residency
Reduced cost of living
Growth on investment

Cons:

Unperkable Land
Increased City Services
Scattered Development
Tax value increase
Change of rural character
Less recreational space
increases in population
negative impact on wildlife

What should the questions be on the survey and who should it go to?